

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**



TO: CERTIFIED ORGANIC WINERIES
CERTIFIED VINEYARDS
CERTIFIED HANDLERS & PROCESSORS OF WINE
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE

In cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service and its operation of the National Organic Program (NOP), the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) is implementing the following policy:

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY (05/23/2005)**, all organic labeling applicants certified under the NOP who submit label applications to TTB for organic wine containing added sulfites (under 100 ppm) as a result of the use of sulfur dioxide, must, at a minimum, label their wine "**Made With Organic** [specify your organic ingredients here]." TTB will automatically reject any label applications received from applicants who DO NOT label their wine as stated above.

TTB will accept the following variations on the above minimum labeling requirement:

- "Made with Organically Grown Grapes,"
- "Made with Organic Grapes from Our Vineyard," or
- "Made with Organically Produced Grapes."

This policy reinforces the existing position of the NOP concerning the production, labeling, and marketing of wines under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 and the National Organic Program regulations at 7 CFR Part 205.